

AEA-Retired Executive Board Meeting
Minutes of March 13, 2018

1. Call to Order at 10:00 by President Horwin

Board members in attendance; Julie Horwin, Suzan Austin, Ken Freed, Steve Linder, Linda Somo, Danny Barlow, Shirley Boswell, Marilyn Calhoun, Marilyn Freed, Gary Mehok, Ann Myers, Carmen Peters, Nancy Putman, Steven Ramos, Tricia Roach, Michele Smith, Susie Sommer, Connie Wittig, Larry Wittig, Juan Zuniga. **Chapter Chairs**; Janie Hydrick, Nancy Riley, Sally Rosen. **Members**; Aurora Aber, John Campbell, Ellie Feldner, Maria Vinales, Jan Nichols, Jeanne Erickson, Ted Coleman, Francine Bard, MaryAnn Rumery, Julie Vaglish. **Staff**; none **Guests**; Joe Thomas

2. Approval of Agenda, with flexibility (K. Freed/Calhoun) **Approved**

3. Approval of the minutes of February, 2018 (K. Freed/C. Wittig) **Approved**

4. Membership Processing Chair Boswell shared the most recent membership data. Currently we have 2181 members with 1610 using dues deduct. We have 61 new members this year. (See printed report for more information.)

5. Membership Co-Chairs shared that actives are frequently able to earn P.D. credit through NEA programs.

They also asked the Board to attempt to take part in end of year programs at active events to try to grow the Retired membership.

6. Financials presented by Treasurer Linder.

Assets	\$103,662
Liabilities	\$ 26,130
Equity	\$ 77,531

(See written report for more information.)

Move that the report be accepted and filed for audit. (K. Freed/Barlow)

Passed

The Budget committee then moved the Budget for 2018-2019.

Amendment: "A line shall be included in the budget for M.O.R.E., funded from the contingency line and appropriate grant lines for 2018-2019." (Somo/Putman)

Passed

Call the question on the Budget.

Passed

7. New Business Item-None

8. Officers' Report

President Horwin-reminded chairs to turn in end of the year reports.

Asked all to use the on-line link to register for the Annual Meeting.

Horwin updated the Board on the NEA situation. There are anticipated budget cuts due to potential Janus ruling. There will not be a dues increase for 2019-20. NEA will help train and fund members to run for school board positions.

She asked AEA-Retired members to volunteer to help Tipireni in CD 8.

Horwin reminded the Board of the March 14 student walk out.

She made the Board aware of the M.O.R.E. organizing plan to flip two senate races.

Howin was pleased to relate that AEA-Retired is up in membership while most other states have declined.

(See printed report for more information.)

Vice-President Austin-Reported on the preparations for the AEA-Retired Annual Meeting. She noted that former AEA and NEA President Van Roekel will be the keynote speaker. Austin shared that registration has increased to \$40 and that it will include both lunch on Friday and breakfast on Saturday. Registration forms will be in the next Conduit. Austin reminded all to book their rooms at the Scottsdale Resort and indicated that delegates will be reimbursed ½ of the room rate. The Board has again been asked to bring a wrapped \$5-10 Door Prize and an unwrapped item for the NEA Fundraiser.

Secretary K. Freed-again circulated the tax receipts for those who had donated to the Kinnaman Fund.

Liaison Sleeper-(Horwin) reported that negotiations with AEASO have been completed and are currently being voted on by the staff. Sleeper will meet with our delegates to the Summit and remain for the Retirement portion.

AEA Director Barlow-mentioned that the AEA Board Dashboard was included in the prepared packet. Significant time was spent at the most recent AEA Board meeting discussing membership and return to work. A New Business Item will be presented by the AEA Board to refer to the governance committee for study. It was noted that President Thomas brought a recommendation to recommend Dr. Garcia to the Fund Council for Governor. President Thomas will join us to explain his decision. This recommendation was accepted by the AEA Board.

(A written report is included.)

Past-President Somo-As an editor of the Conduit she shared that the next edition is complete and awaiting some information, relative to the costs around Annual Meeting /Delegate Assembly, to be mailed. As a coordinator of Pre-Retirement workshops she notified the Board of some that are upcoming and asked for assistance in the Phoenix area.

9. ASRS

Ramos reported that the ASRS Board is still working on a redistribution plan for those monies collected over the amount allowed.

(See written ASRS Board Report for more information.)

10. Political Action

L. Wittig shared that there is a written report that outlines a great number of activities and bills we need to know, study and act upon. Also, he has included a list of attendees at the ALEC conference.

(See written report for more information.)

11. M.O.R.E.

Calhoun reported that the Leadership Convocation had an attendance of 40 people. Due to the high interest in receiving additional information, Leadership 2 is planned for April 24th at AEA Headquarters, from 10:00-3:00. Invitations will be extended to those in attendance as well as other AEA-Retired members.

12. Chapter Chair Reports

West Valley/Glendale (Sommer)- The **Next meeting** will be at 10:00am at Biscuits Cafe, 19420 N. 59th Ave. Glendale, on **Thursday, April 5, 2018.**

Mesa (Hydrick)-The **Next meeting is May 9** at 63 East Main Street, Mesa, on the 8th floor of the MPS Building, at 10:45. The speakers will be Joe Thomas and Marisol Garcia. The March meeting included a presentation by Candidate Schipira and was attended by 40 members.

Scottsdale/Paradise Valley (Myers/Riley)-The chapter meets at Denny's Restaurant on Mayo Blvd and Scottsdale Rd. **The next meeting will be March 19**, when the speaker will be Duet, Partners in Health and Aging, who will speak about their services to the aging community and the opportunity to volunteer.

Tucson (Calhoun)-The **Next meeting is March 20, 2018**, at the Southern Region office at 10:00a.m. The agenda includes a review of the Arizona Legislative activities and a presentation by Terry Goddard, former Arizona Attorney General, talking about "dark money."

Phoenix (Smith)-The **Next meeting will be Tuesday, March 20**, at Beatitudes, 1610 W. Glendale Ave. at 10:30a.m. The speaker will be Charlie Gray from the Foster Care Review Board, who will be providing information and seeking volunteers.

Southeast Arizona (Rosen)-The **Next meeting will be March 21**, at 5:30 at the Pizzeria Mimosa, in Hereford.

Yavapai (Coleman)-The Yavapai chapter is in the process of adding officers to form a Board. The **Next meeting is March 15** at the Prescott Family Diner. They will be suggesting a visit to the JTED campus and discussing Smart Schools.

Flagstaff (Roach)-The **Next meeting is April 3** at 10:a.m, at the Flagstaff Federated Church. The March meeting was canceled due to illness.

Albuquerque (Barlow)-The fledgling Albuquerque chapter is beginning to form.

Kyrene (Hydrick)-is in the forming stage and will **Meet** at Native Grill on Ray Rd. on **Wednesday, April 18** at 4:30.

13. Alliances and Coalitions

A. Arizona Alliance for Retired Americans- Hydrick asked all to make certain that they are receiving their weekly newsletter.

B. Arizona Interfaith Network-K. Freed reported on the Education Conference put on by PCIC.

(No written report included in the packet.)

C. Arizona School Counselors-No report.

14. Elections

Zuniga presented a written report that indicated that 86 members had registered for the Annual Meeting. All of those that volunteered to be alternates have now attained delegate status due to individuals having a time conflict. Janie Hydrick is nominated for vice-president and Rick Baucom, Rose Biggs-Dickerson, Anna Cicero, Julie Cozad, Debbie Cross, Ellie Feldner, Kirk Hinsey, Lucinda Michels, Steve Ramos, Sally Rosen, Susan Sommer, Kate Ward, Larry Wittig and Juan Zuniga have filed to fill the at-large seats on the Board for next year. All terms are 3 years. There was discussion around the necessity to get 50% to be elected.

15. Fundraising

M. Freed passed out packets of Tickets to those who hadn't yet received them and thanked those who had already purchased or sold them. This year the tickets indicate their cost with the best price being 30 for \$30. One can also purchase tickets for \$2, \$5, and \$9. It was also announced that we are purchasing buttons for those selling raffle tickets.

16. Intergenerational Mentoring

Vinaras reported that the students and mentors are being very productive. The students requesting assistance with discipline, lesson plans, state licensure, as well as many other items. The students have determined that their mentors are accompanying them to their first year of teaching.

17. Half-back Raffle of \$30 was won by Feldner.

18. Adjournment at 1:35. The next meeting is Tuesday, April 10, 2018.

****Notes ****

Lunch was taken after the conclusion of the meeting.

President Thomas joined us to explain the reasons for the AEA Fund to recommend a candidate in the gubernatorial election.

THANKS to Sally, Nancy/Ann, Marion/Barbara, Michele, Tricia and Susie for submitting their chapter chair reports in writing.

